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# State Water Resources Control Board

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE WATER BY PERMIT

**APPLICATION: 31519**  
**DATE FILED: March 3, 2003**

**COUNTY: Mendocino**  
**STREAM SYSTEM: Russian River**

Notice is hereby given that Robert Mondavi Properties Inc. filed an application for a water right permit. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will determine whether a water right permit should be issued for the application and, if so, whether conditions are needed in the permit to protect the environment, the public interest, and downstream water users. This notice provides a description of the proposed project and also describes the procedure and time frame for submittal of protests against the application. This notice and the application may be viewed at the Division of Water Rights' (Division) website at [www.waterrights.ca.gov](http://www.waterrights.ca.gov). Any correspondence directed to the applicants should be mailed to:

Robert Mondavi Properties, Inc.  
c/o Janet Goldsmith  
Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard  
400 Capital Mall, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4416

### Description of Project

The applicant seeks a right to collect water to storage in an existing 49 acre-feet (af) capacity offstream pit-type reservoir with a surface area of three acres. The applicant also seeks the ability to refill the reservoir to allow for frost protection during the diversion season; therefore, the applicant is applying for a total of 70 af under this application. Frost protection is not required for the entire vineyard and exercise of riparian rights is expected to provide some of the water needed for frost protection. The applicant diverts water to the reservoir by gravity flow from a roadside ditch (Unnamed Stream) via an existing 24-inch diameter, 1000-foot long underground pipe. Water will be used for the purposes listed below including 127 acres of vineyards. The maximum rate of diversion to offstream storage, by gravity, will not exceed six cubic feet per second. The applicant claims that the collected drainage water is diffuse surface runoff and that there is no visible evidence of direct surface flow tributary to the Russian River.

The project is located approximately one mile northwest of Ukiah.

### Summary of Application 31519

County: Mendocino.  
Source: Unnamed Creek tributary to Russian River.  
POD: Located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, T15N, R12W, MDB&M.

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Amount: 70 af per year of storage.

Season: November 1 to June 30 for storage.

Purposes: Irrigation, Frost Protection, Heat Control, Incidental Recreation,  
Fire Protection.

Place of Use:

Use Within	Section	Township	Range	B & M	If Irrigated	
					Number of Acres	Presently Cultivated (Y/N)
SE¼ of NE¼	7	15N	12W	MD	20	Y
SW¼ of NE¼	7	15N	12W	MD	29	Y
SE¼ of NW¼	7	15N	12W	MD	27	Y
SW¼ of NW¼	7	15N	12W	MD	1	Y
NE¼ of SW¼	7	15N	12W	MD	13	Y
NW¼ of SE¼	7	15N	12W	MD	19	Y (7 acres only)
NW¼ of SE¼	7	15N	12W	MD	12	N
NE¼ of SE¼	7	15N	12W	MD	9	Y
SW¼ of NW¼	8	15N	12W	MD	3	Y
NW¼ of SW¼	8	15N	12W	MD	6	Y
				Total	127	

## Environmental Information

The lead agency will prepare the appropriate environmental documents for the project according to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and its guidelines, and will determine whether or not the project will cause a significant effect on the environment. If you are not filing a protest, but wish to submit information not covered in the lead agency's environmental document that indicates that the project may cause a significant effect on the environment, please send this information immediately to Steven Herrera; State Water Board, Division of Water Rights; P.O. Box 2000; Sacramento, CA 95812-2000. This information will be reviewed in accordance with CEQA.

## PROTEST SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

### Protest Requirements

A person may file a protest based on any of the following factors:

- Interference with prior water rights.
- Adverse environmental impact.
- Not in the public interest.
- Contrary to law.
- Not within the jurisdiction of the State Water Board.

All protests must clearly describe the objections to approval of the applications and the factual basis for those objections. There must be a clear link between the proposed project and the objection to its approval. If the objection is based on interference with prior water rights, the protest must describe specifically what injury would result if the applications were approved. In addition, the party claiming interference with prior rights must provide specific information describing the basis of the prior right, the date the use began, the quantity of water used, the purpose of use and the place of use. Please note that any water right permit issued by the State Water Board is subject to vested water rights and will include conditions to protect such rights.

If the protest is based on an allegation that the proposed appropriation would not be within the State Water Board's jurisdiction, would not best conserve the public interest or public trust uses, would have an adverse environmental impact, or would be contrary to law, the protest must be accompanied by a statement of facts supporting the allegation.

For example, public interest protests should clearly indicate how the appropriation will affect the public; environmental protests should identify specific impacts and provide supporting recitals on the effect of the proposed project on plants, animals, fish, erosion, pollution, aesthetics, etc.; public trust protests must identify the navigable waters and public trust values that would be Affected by the proposed project and how the project will impact public trust values.

All protests should include a description of any measures that could be taken to resolve the protest. The protest also must indicate the manner in which the protestant served upon the applicant a duplicate copy of the protest.

If sufficient information is not submitted, the State Water Board may reject the protest or request that the protestant submit additional information. Protests of a general nature (not project specific) or protests that are inconsistent with constitutional or legislated state policy will not be accepted. A request for information or a request that studies be conducted does not constitute a protest.

### **Procedure for Submitting Protests**

Protests should be submitted on standard protest forms available from the Division's website at [www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/](http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/) or upon request, in writing or by telephone, from the Division. A pamphlet that provides additional information relating to water rights and the procedure for filing protests is also available on the website or by mail. Any requests or the submittal of the completed protest form should be directed to the individual listed as the contact person at the end of this notice. **A copy of the completed protest form must also be mailed to the applicant.**

**Protest Submittal Deadline**

Protests submitted in response to this notice must **be received by the Division by 3:00 p.m. on August 30, 2006** (40 days after the date of this notice). Protests may be submitted by any of the following methods:

1. Mailed to Division of Water Rights; P. O. Box 2000; Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
2. Faxed to the Division at (916) 341-5400
3. E-mailed to the engineer listed below under the heading "Contact Person"
4. Hand-delivered to the Division office located at 1001 "I" Street, 2nd Floor (Fileroom), Sacramento, CA

If you choose to fax or e-mail the protest due to the constraints of the noticing period, the fax or e-mail must be followed by timely delivery of an original signed copy, either personally or by mail, to the Division in order for the protest to be accepted. The State Water Board will respond to all protests within 60 days of the final day to file a protest.

**Protests not submitted by the close of the protest period will be subject to rejection.**

For good cause, the State Water Board may grant an extension of time to file a protest. It is the protestant's responsibility to contact the engineer listed below as "Contact Person" to request the extension prior to the end of the protest period.

**Resolution of Protests**

The applicant will have 30 days to respond to a protest once accepted by the Division. The protestant and the applicant are expected to make a good faith effort to resolve the protest within 180 days from the close of the protest period.

This is a "minor" project (the proposed diversion is 3 cfs or less by direct diversion or 200 af per year or less by storage) as defined by section 1348 of the Water Code. Therefore, any protest issues not resolved by the applicant or by provisions of section 1335 of the Water Code will be decided by the Chief, Division of Water Rights, following a field investigation.

**CONTACT PERSON**

To obtain additional information regarding this project, or to obtain copies of protest forms, or general information pamphlets, please contact Yoko Mooring by phone at (916) 341-5362 or by electronic mail at [ymoorring@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ymoorring@waterboards.ca.gov). Information and protest forms are also available at the Division's website: [www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/](http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/).

Date of Notice: **JULY 21, 2006**

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